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FOR AMB. RAWSON FROM AF

E.O. 12356:    DECL:8/28/05

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SUBJECT:    OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

REF: KIGALI 2755

1.    CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2.    THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT PLEASED WITH THE NO CONFIDENCE ACTION TAKEN BY THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.    IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN USED TO RID THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE, EACH OF WHOM WAS RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT AND WILLING TO STAND UP TO THE RPF. HOWEVER,  
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WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD WAIT A WHILE BEFORE MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT, AS THE SITUATION IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. AT PRESENT, OUR INCLINATION IS TO NOTE THE CHANGE AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN A POLICY OF RECONCILIATION AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. WE HAVE CONSULTED QUICKLY WITH THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS IN WASHINGTON. BELGIUM AND FRANCE ARE TAKING AN APPROACH SIMILAR TO OURS. AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE PLANS TO CONFER WITH DUTCH MINISTER PRONK BY TELEPHONE AND HE WILL CONVEY OUR VIEWS.

4. WE NEED YOUR ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE RESHUFFLE MEANS BY OOB WASHINGTON TIME AUGUST 29. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IT IS A POWER PLAY BY THE RPF, TO THE DETRIMENT OF HUTU MODERATES. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW PRIME MINISTER BEING FROM THE OLD ONE'S PARTY? IS THIS IN KEEPING WITH THE ARUSHA ACCORD AGREEMENT? DOES THE PARTY HAVE A VIABLE CANDIDATE WITH STATURE COMPARABLE TO TWAG I RAMUNGU?

5. ACTION REQUESTED: YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE GOR ASAP AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE DEVELOPMENTS, AND WE ARE WATCHING CLOSELY WHERE THESE STEPS TAKE RWANDA. WE MAY HAVE TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TUESDAY. IT WOULD HELP THE GOR IF WE RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE A POLICY BASED ON NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, RECONCILIATION, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RETURN OF RWANDAN REFUGEES.

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